

# CZECHS DEFEAT THE BOLSHEVIKI

Take Town of Berchnieudinsk and Win Victory Over Enemy.

## ALLIES RETIRE ON USSURI

Entente Forces Outnumbered by "Reds" in Battle North of Vladivostok—Jap Troops Aid in Retirement.

London, Aug. 23.—Lord Robert Cecil, British undersecretary for foreign affairs, announced that reports had been received in London that the Czech-Slovak forces in Transbaikalia had captured the town of Berchnieudinsk, south of Lake Baikal, and had achieved a decided victory against the bolshevik forces.

Tokyo, Aug. 23.—Japanese troops were advancing beyond Nikolok, the war office announced. The Japanese official statement also said that Lieutenant General Otani, commander of the allied forces in eastern Siberia, will command also the Czech-Slovak troops operating there and the anti-bolshevik forces in the maritime provinces of Siberia.

Nikolok is an important railroad junction 50 miles north of Vladivostok.

London, Aug. 23.—Allied troops on the Ussuri river from north of Vladivostok, outnumbered by the enemy, have been forced to withdraw after heavy fighting, says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Harbin.

British and French troops were engaged in the battle, but the brunt of the fighting fell on the Cossack and Czech-Slovak troops. Japanese units aided in the retirement.

Bolshevik monitors operating on Lake Hnangka are harassing the allied left and have detained additional Czech forces. Commands are being given the bolsheviks in German.

The Ussuri river forms the eastern boundary of Manchuria.

Russian Red guards, after the capture of Simbirsk, on the Volga, according to a Moscow dispatch to the Hamburg Nachrichten, publicly hanged in the market place 300 Czech-Slovak prisoners. The hangings, it is declared, were a reprisal for "atrocities" committed in the town during its occupation by the Czechs.

General Petapoff, commander in chief of the Red guard army in the Murmansk region, is a prisoner in the hands of the allies, says a Petrograd dispatch to the Weser Zeitung of Bremen. He was caught by peasants while attempting to flee southward and handed over to the British.

## THREE U. S. SHIPS SUNK

American Vessels Destroyed in Foreign Waters by German Submarines.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Sinking of three American vessels in foreign waters by German submarines was announced by the navy department. The steamship Lake Edon, an army chartered cargo transport, was sunk August 21; the U. S. S. West Bridge, 8,800 tons, August 16, and the U. S. S. Cubore, 7,300 tons, August 15. Sixteen of the crew of the Lake Edon are missing, 39 having been accounted for. Three men were reported lost in the sinking of the West Bridge. There was no loss of life among the crew of the Cubore. The West Bridge and Cubore were homeward bound.

## RAID FIVE GERMAN CITIES

British Flyers Attack Frankfurt, Cologne and Other Centers—Good Results Observed.

London, Aug. 23.—Five important towns in Germany and five hostile airmen were heavily bombarded by British aerial squadrons on the night of August 21-22, according to an official statement issued by the British air ministry. Military objectives at Frankfurt and Cologne, the statement adds, were heavily attacked and good results were observed.

## REP. H. A. COOPER INJURED

Congressman From Wisconsin Hurt in Accident While on Way to Edgerton to Make Speech.

Janesville, Wis., Aug. 23.—Congressman Henry Allen Cooper suffered a severe sprain of his neck when thrown from a taxi as he was driving to Edgerton to deliver a speech on Friday. He was removed to the Mercy hospital and taken to his home in Racine late in the afternoon.

## Uruguay Minister Sees Lansing.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Formal calls were exchanged between Dr. Baltasar Brum, foreign minister of Uruguay, who arrived here Thursday at the head of a special mission as the guest of the nation, and Secretary Lansing.

## Argentina Seizes Meat.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 23.—The municipal authorities of Buenos Aires have taken over the supervision of the sale of meat to the public. This step was ordered by President Frigoyen in an effort to combat high prices.

## ON HIS UPPERS



## RUSS RIOTERS SLAIN U. S. STEAMER SUNK

SCORES OF PERSONS KILLED IN PETROGRAD STREETS. MONTANAN TORPEDOED BY U. BOAT; 5 OF CREW KILLED.

Marchers Cry "Down With the Germans!"—Martial Law is Proclaimed.

London, Aug. 22.—Hundreds of persons were killed and wounded in a veritable battle between Lettish guards and rioters during disorders in Petrograd, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

The dispatch, which quotes Petrograd advices by way of Berlin, says that after the city had been without food for two days a procession of workmen marched through the streets shouting, "Down with the Germans! Down with the Kremlin!"

The battle between the rioters and the Lettish guards occurred before the Smolny Institute. Martial law was proclaimed in Petrograd the same evening.

Japanese troops have landed at Nikolaevsk to protect allied citizens there, according to an official dispatch received from Tien Tsin.

## REVENUE BILL IS READY

House Ways and Means Committee Decides on Compromise of McAdoo and Kitchin Plans.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The drafting of the \$8,000,000,000 revenue bill was practically completed on Wednesday when the house ways and means committee tentatively adopted a schedule of excess profits taxes which is a compromise between the Kitchin and McAdoo taxation plans. The committee adopted the McAdoo suggestion of an 80 per cent war profits tax, with a flat 10 per cent exemption. The war profits tax probably will be levied on profits in excess of the average for the three years of 1911-12-13.

The excess profits schedule adopted allows a single deduction of 8 per cent.

On profits of 8 to 15 per cent a tax of 35 per cent will be levied and on profits of 15 to 20 per cent the tax will be 60 per cent.

On profits above 20 per cent the tax will be 70 per cent.

The war profits and excess profits taxes were made alternative, with power given to the treasury to levy whichever in any given case will bring the larger returns.

The schedule is only tentative, but it is expected that it will be approved and incorporated into the bill which will be reported out.

## CHICAGO POLICE CHIEF DIES

Herman F. Schuettler Succumbs at Hospital After a Long Illness.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Herman F. Schuettler, Chicago's chief of police, died Thursday night at Alexian Brothers' hospital after a prolonged illness, during which he rallied and relapsed many times. Chief Schuettler had been ill for a number of months and was on extended leave of absence. He returned to Chicago two months ago from Florida, where he had been in a vain attempt to regain health. Chief Schuettler, Chicago's most famous policeman, was born July 14, 1861.

## Asks \$2,500,000,000 Credit.

Paris, Aug. 23.—Louis Kooz, minister of finance, submitted a proposal for a military credit amounting to \$2,500,000,000 at a cabinet meeting. This is to meet the expenditures of the fourth quarter of 1918.

## Ship Workers Ask \$1 Hour.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Skilled workers in the shipbuilding industry of the country have presented "friendly demands" to the labor adjustment board of the shipping board for increase in wages to \$1 an hour.

# BOLSHEVIKI AT WAR WITH U. S.

Vice Consul Lowers Flag Over Consulate at Petrograd.

## MORE U. S. TROOPS LANDED

Thirty-First Regiment of Regulars Arrives at Vladivostok—Two Ally Councils Created for Russia.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Because the bolshevik government declared a state of war exists between Russia and the United States, Vice Consul Imbric has lowered the United States flag over the consulate at Petrograd, closed the consulate and placed the affairs of the United States in charge of the Norwegian government. Americans in Petrograd, of whom there are approximately 20, have been warned to leave the country by the vice consul. Their houses were searched, one of them is under arrest and one is hiding.

The Thirty-first regiment of regulars has arrived at Vladivostok from Manila, Secretary Baker announced.

To co-ordinate the efforts of the allies and the United States in Russia an official dispatch from France says it has been decided to create two international councils, one at Archangel, including the entente ambassadors under the presidency of Ambassador Francis of the United States, the other at Vladivostok. On the Vladivostok council Great Britain will be represented by Sir Charles Elliot, France by Eugene Regnault, former ambassador to Japan, and Japan by M. Matsudaira. It was said at the state department that an American representative had not been named.

## GREAT BATTLE FOR CHICAGO

Air, Sea and Land Defenses Will Be Portrayed at the War Exposition.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—What would happen if Chicago were to be simultaneously attacked from air, sea and on land will be vividly portrayed at the United States government war exposition in Grant park September 2 to 15.

Already en route via the air is a fleet of ten American and three British battle planes, which are making a tour of the middle Western states and will terminate their flight at Chicago for the exposition.

According to plans just set afoot a large dirigible balloon will fly to Chicago from an Eastern city with crew and armament.

Plans previously announced cover a battery of Americans 75's with real shells and artillerymen to handle them.

## TWO "SUBS" SUNK OFF U. S.

One Rammed by American Ship, Other Hit by Tanker—Twenty-Sixth Shot Goes Home.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The navy department announced that the captain of an American steamer had reported that his vessel rammed and probably sank a submarine about 9:30 p. m. on Saturday, August 17, near Winter Quarter Shoal off the northern Virginia coast. The captain stated the submarine was struck on its port bow, bringing it alongside. The steamer is now in port with a badly damaged bow. The captain thinks he sank the submarine.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 22.—A 400-foot enemy submarine was sunk off the Atlantic coast by the gun crew of a British tanker, according to an officer of the tanker. The tanker's twenty-sixth shot ended the battle.

## MINNESOTA GALE KILLS 34

One Hundred Hurt and 20 Missing When Tornado Wipes Out Business Section of Tyler.

Tyler, Minn., Aug. 24.—Thirty-four dead, 20 missing and 100 injured is the toll here of a tornado which swept this town and southeastern Minnesota Wednesday. The tornado tore through the heart of the town, sparing one building, a moving picture theater, in which 200 persons were sheltered. Eighteen persons were in a restaurant when the walls collapsed. Sixteen were killed and the other two were seriously injured. In addition to the business places, 40 residences, the hospital, electric light plant and other buildings were destroyed. Destruction of the electric light plant and the city water works, with the first shocks of the storm, plunged the city in darkness.

## Army Officer Ends Life.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 24.—Col. George T. Patterson, U. S. A., commanding officer of the Portsmouth harbor military post, committed suicide here by shooting. A nervous breakdown caused his act.

## Miners to Ask Increase.

Washington, Aug. 24.—President Hayes of the United Mine Workers, and two representatives from each mining district, met at headquarters to formulate demands. It is understood, for a flat wage increase.

# NEWS OF NEBRASKA

## Items of Interest Gathered From Many Points

During the months of July and August a total of 11,234,040 pounds of sugar was used in this state for all purposes.

One hundred and fifty acres of alfalfa land near Arnold sold recently for \$125 per acre. A record price for Custer county land.

Gering's new \$75,000 high school building will be practically completed when school starts, and is to be one of the finest structures of the kind in western Nebraska.

Antioch, Nebraska's fastest growing city, is to have a Community club. The building will have all the conveniences that go to make up a modern community meeting place.

Brainard experienced one of the most destructive fires in its history just recently, five frame buildings being consumed. The excellent water works system only prevented a much greater loss.

Producers are to keep producing, railroads are to be operated and dependents are to be cared for, according to new instructions to draft boards over the state in regard to classification of registrants for war service.

As an outcome of the conviction of 100 I. W. W. leaders at Chicago, 21 members of the order now confined in the Douglas county jail will face the grand jury at Omaha on charges of having attempted to interfere with the nation's war program.

Owing to the fact that referendum petitions involving the measure temporarily suspended it, Nebraska women were unable to vote at the recent primaries. Women of the state will not be able to take advantage of the partial suffrage law enacted by the 1917 legislature until the case is settled in the courts.

Attention of all persons who send mail to the boys in France is called to the fact that letters should not be addressed with the abbreviation A. E. F., as it is apt to become confused with the Australian Expeditionary Force. The word "American" must be spelled out in full in writing American Expeditionary Forces, if delays are to be avoided.

Cost of supplies at factories and from jobbers, shortage of help and small profits have put eighty grocers out of business at Omaha during the past three months. According to J. J. Cameron, secretary of the Grocers' and Butchers' association of the city, many more are expecting to quit business.

That prosperity prevails among farmers of western Nebraska is attested by a letter received by Mayor Smith of Omaha from K. L. Pierce of Hemmingford in which an offer is made in behalf of citizens of the community to send a carload of potatoes to the metropolis for distribution among the poor. The letter states that, "as we have no poor of our own, we wish to send a carload of spuds to Omaha for your needy poor."

Over 50,000 more men will register under the new man power act in Nebraska than registered under the selective draft law passed at the outbreak of the war, which fixed the draft ages from 21 to 31. The new man power law provides for the registration of all men from 18 to 45 years of age. Estimates indicate that approximately 177,000 Nebraska men will register under the new act.

Orders received at the Nebraska headquarters of the co-operating public employment bureau at Omaha state that Nebraska within the next few weeks or a month must furnish 8,150 men for essential war work in the shipyards, railroads, munition factories and other war activities. The order is presumed to refer to the Nebraska quota of the 1,000,000 more men for war industries which the government wants at once. State Director Kieffner says it is possible that the bureau will have to step into the mercantile establishments throughout the state and take men considered engaged in non-essential employment and send them on to the government work. "It is likely that we will get authority to draft these men for the war industries through the increase in the draft," he said.

A large service board at Odell, Gage county, contains the names of fifty men of the vicinity who have joined Uncle Sam's fighting forces. The board, which is used instead of a flag, was dedicated just the other day.

The new community house being built at Scottsbluff for the benefit of employees of the sugar factory and their families, will have every modern convenience. It will be completed in time for the opening of the campaign in October.

Nebraska's gain in county agents during the past year surpasses all other agricultural states in the union. Figures show that 80 of the state's 93 counties have county agricultural agents, and 40 of the 93 have women agents to work with the farm women of the counties.

Work is progressing satisfactorily on Banner county's oil well, and drillers are much encouraged by piercing a limestone formation. No oil has been struck yet, however, but it is believed the precious fluid will be found.

A thirty-five acre farm near Dunbar, Otoe county, was sold the other day for \$300 per acre.

Sugar cards are now being used in Washington county and every person is limited to two pounds a month.

The corn crop in Washington county has been severely damaged by the hot, dry weather of the past few weeks.

Best sugar factories of western Nebraska are expected to begin their fall campaign this year about October first.

Jefferson county's wheat crop this year averaged 21.5 bushels to the acre, measuring up to the ten-year average.

Both houses of congress have passed a bill appropriating \$40,000 for the Greeks who suffered in the South Omaha riots in 1909.

The Peru Normal has been recognized by the War department as a school in which a student army training corps will be incorporated.

The price of alfalfa hay at the South Omaha stock yards has advanced to \$40 a ton, or two cents a pound. Prairie hay is selling at \$35 a ton.

Out of 12,385 soldiers entitled to vote in the recent Nebraska primary and to whom ballots were sent, but 1,631 returned the votes to the state election commission.

Memorial services were held at Plattsmouth for Edward C. Ripple, the first soldier from the city to be killed with the overseas army. He was killed in action July 28.

It is estimated that approximately 2,000 Nebraska youths who have become 21 years of age since June 5 registered last Saturday for military service.

Dr. L. B. Pillsbury, superintendent of the state hospital for insane at Lincoln, has tendered his resignation to the board of control and will accept work in the army medical corps.

German town, a village of 275 persons, in Seward county, is raising petitions to change its name to Galland, in honor of Private Ray Galland, the first citizen there to die in service abroad.

In the opinion of Land Commissioner Shumway the proposed tax on transportation of potash in the revenue bill now before congress is a blow to the potash industry of western Nebraska.

The government has selected the Creighton university at Omaha for military educational training. Five hundred students at the college will take the course, which will be under the direct supervision of army officers.

The food administration has ruled that ungraded potatoes will not be allowed on Nebraska markets. Potatoes must be graded before shipment in No. 1 and No. 2 qualities. "Field run" potatoes will no longer be allowed.

Grover Cleveland Alexander of St. Paul, premier pitcher of the National baseball league, has arrived safely overseas, according to reports. He was a draftee and trained at Camp Funston with other Nebraska boys.

Unprecedented demand for safety razor blades for use in army camps and overseas has created a shortage in this commodity to such an extent that dealers over the state say it is almost impossible to keep a supply on hand.

Nebraska farmers so far have responded to the limit to every request of Uncle Sam, and they will not refuse his latest request, which calls upon them to sow 3,762,000 acres of Nebraska land in winter wheat this fall.

A ladies' military company has been organized at Norfolk, with 80 members. The girls are to wear regulation uniforms and are to undergo regular infantry drills. The company plans to learn how to shoot rifles and be ready for an emergency.

Lieutenant Manderson Lehr of Albion, probably the state's only representative in the famous French flying corps, the Lafayette Escadrille, is reported to have met death in France July 15. The dead aviator was a nephew of the late General Manderson. His father is county clerk of Boone county.

Captain C. E. Adams of Omaha, 71, elected head of the Grand Army of the Republic at Portland, Ore., is one of the best known business men in Nebraska, having been in business in this state for forty years. For years he was in the banking business at Superior. He served during the civil war with a regiment of artillery from Wisconsin.

Beatrice Council No. 79, United Commercial Travelers, has received a beautiful silk flag for winning the state membership contest. In winning the flag Beatrice council increased its membership over 25 per cent. Columbus was second with 10 per cent.

Nervousness caused by overwork is believed to have caused Colonel G. T. Patterson of North Platte to take his own life. He committed suicide at Plattsmouth, N. H., where he was commanding officer of that military post. He was well known in this state.

A delegation of South Omaha stock men were in Washington recently urging Director General McAdoo to intervene in behalf of adding the shipment of thousands of cattle from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and other southern states to the long grass country in Nebraska. It is believed the request will be granted.

A total of 40,000 of Nebraska's young men are now in Uncle Sam's service, or one for every thirty-one of the state's population. No state in the union has made a better showing. It is believed.